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**Harold Albert Baker**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1929  
Education: Illinois 1951 BA, 1956 LLB  
Began Service: 1978  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Academic:** Adjunct Instructor, College of Law, University of Illinois (1972-1978)

**Government:** Senior Counsel, Presidential Commission on the Central Intelligence Agency Activities in the United States, Executive Office of the President, Gerald Ford Administration (1974-1975)

**Legal Practice:** Hatch & Corazza (1956-1960); Partner, Wheat, Hatch, Corazza & Baker (1960-1978)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1951-1953)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American College of Trial Lawyers; Champaign County Bar Association; Illinois State Bar Association

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**Richard Mills**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1929  
Education: Illinois Col 1951 BA; Mercer 1957 JD; Virginia 1982 LLM  
Began Service: August 27, 1985  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Government:** State's Attorney, State of Illinois (1960-1964)

**Judicial:** Judge, Illinois Circuit Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit (1966-1976); Justice, Illinois Appellate Court, Fourth District (1976-1985)

**Legal Practice:** Mills Law Office (1957-1966)

**Military Service:** Third Infantry Division, United States Army (1952-1954); COL, United States Army Reserve, United States Department of the Army (1954-1985); Brig. General, Illinois Militia (1986-1990); Major General, Illinois Militia (1990)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; The American Law Institute; The Chicago Bar Association; The Seventh Circuit Bar Association, Federal Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; Illinois State Bar Association

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**Charles H. Evans**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1922  
Education: Illinois 1947 BA, 1948 JD  
Began Service: 1977

**Government:** Assistant Attorney General, State of Illinois (1949-1956); Assistant Attorney General, State of Illinois (1962-1976)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1957-1962)

**Military Service:** United States Army Air Force (1942-1945)

**Staff**

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**David G. Bernthal**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1950  
Education: Illinois 1972 BA, 1976 JD  
Began Service: May 1, 1995  
Term Expires: April 30, 2011  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Associate Judge, Illinois Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit (1987-1995)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1976-1986)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Magistrate Judges Association

**Staff**

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**Byron G. Cudmore**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1952  
Education: Illinois 1974 BS; Southern Illinois 1977 JD  
Began Service: September 1, 1997  
Term Expires: September 1, 2013

**Government:** Sangamon County State Attorney's Office (1978-1985); First Assistant United States Attorney, Central District of Illinois, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, Ronald Reagan Administration (1985-1993); United States Attorney, Central District of Illinois, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice (1993)

**Legal Practice:** Hinshaw & Culbertson (1995-1997)

**Current Memberships:** The Lincoln-Douglas American Inn of Court, The American Inns of Court; Sangamon County Bar Association

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**Thomas L. Perkins**  
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1958  
Education: Iowa 1980 BBA; Indiana 1984 JD  
Began Service: July 2000  
Term Expires: July 2014

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Kavanagh, Scully, Sudow, White & Frederick, P.C. (1984-1994); Partner, Quinn, Johnston, Henderson & Pretorius (1994-1998); Partner, Vonachen, Lawless, Trager & Slevin (1998-2000)

**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; Real Estate Section, Commercial Banking and Bankruptcy Section, Illinois State Bar Association

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**Gerald D. Fines**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1940  
Education: Eastern Illinois 1965 BS, 1967 MS; Kentucky 1970 JD  
Began Service: August 19, 1987  
Term Expires: August 18, 2015

**Affiliation:** Bankruptcy Judge (visiting), United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Illinois

**Academic:** Instructor, Commercial Law, Eastern Illinois University (1966-1967)

**Government:** Deputy Director and Acting Director, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1970-1976); United States Attorney, Central District of Illinois, United States Department of Justice (1977-1986)

**Judicial:** Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of Illinois (1987-2000); Chief Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California

**Legal Practice:** Giffin, Winning, Linder, Cohen & Bodewes

**Military Service:** United States Army (1958-1960)

**Current Memberships:** The District of Columbia Bar Association; Illinois State Bar Association; Kentucky Bar Association

**Staff**

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**John A. Gorman**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1942  
Education: Illinois JD  
Began Service: February 18, 2000  
Term Expires: February 2016

**Judicial:** Associate Judge, Illinois 10th Judicial Circuit (1980-1990); Judge, Illinois Appellate Court, Third District (1990-1992); Judge, Illinois 10th Judicial Circuit (1993-2000)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Civil Practice Section Council, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education; Illinois Judges Association; Illinois State Bar Association; Lawyers Assistance Program (IL); Peoria County Bar Association; Tazewell County Bar Association

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